

**Town of Mansfield Parking Steering Committee for Storrs Center and Meeting of the signatories of the COOPERATIVE AGREEMENT for Parking Enforcement in and adjacent to Storrs Center Development, Mansfield, CT**

**Special Meeting  
Wednesday, July 15, 2015  
Mansfield Downtown Partnership Office  
23 Royce Circle**

**5:00 PM**

**Minutes**

Members Present: Karla Fox (Chair), Alex Marcellino

Ex-Officio Members and Staff Present: John Carrington, Debbie Lastro, and Cynthia van Zelm

Guest: Lon Hultgren with Bike Mansfield

**1. Call to Order**

Chair Karla Fox called the meeting to order at 5:03 pm.

**2. Approval of Minutes from January 15, 2015 and April 15, 2015**

There was no quorum to approve the minutes.

**3. Remarks from the Chair**

Ms. Fox said it will be interesting to see if there are parking issues once Storrs Center is fully built out.

**4. Bike Parking in the Downtown/Discussion with Bike Mansfield**

Lon Hultgren said he has been working to get a bike advocacy group together and they have created Bike Mansfield. There are approximately 75 people on their e-mail list.

He said the group is hoping to reapply to make Mansfield a Bicycle Friendly America community as designated by the League of American Bicyclists. To be considered, a community must provide bike education; the Bike Mansfield group is hosting a session tonight with four previous sessions held in February.

Mr. Hultgren said the Bike Mansfield group is also working with the Town Director of Planning and Development Linda Painter on a bike master plan.

He said some bike riders in town believe there is not enough bike parking in the downtown. Some communities are converting parking spaces to bike corrals. Mr. Hultgren showed a picture of how a parking space was converted to bike space. Ms. Fox expressed concern about taking a space out of Royce Circle where parking spaces have been limited.

Ms. van Zelm said six new bike racks have been purchased for Wilbur Cross Way. She said she will be doing a walkthrough once Wilbur Cross Way is reopened and the apartments are open to look at the location for various street furniture including bike racks. Mr. Hultgren suggested that some of the bike enthusiasts in town be included on the walkthrough.

John Carrington liked the idea of using a parking space for bikes. Debbie Lastro asked if Storrs Road was a good location. It was noted that many people are not using the bike racks around the Town Square (white railings) as they do not realize they are bike racks. Ms. Lastro suggested that a sign be placed on the railings so people know they are bike racks.

Mr. Hultgren will look into signage for above and also look into bike parking hardware for a street spot.

## **5. Update on Parking in Downtown including Enforcement**

Cynthia van Zelm told the Committee that the Town Council approved the Partnership taking on the management of the Nash- Zimmer Transportation Center.

She said the parking staff team is looking at improved ways to enforce the Dog Lane lot as it is causing a lot of work to process appeals from that lot. Ms. Fox said any decisions on the Dog Lane lot enforcement should be shared and reviewed by the Committee. Ms. Fox asked for a report at the October Committee meeting on how many spaces are routinely available in the Dog Lane lot.

Alex Marcellino cautioned that any changes that are made need to be cognizant of how they affect residents.

## **6. New Business**

The Committee agreed to meet twice a year starting in March 2016. The next meeting is October 21.

## **7. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

## **8. Adjourn**

The meeting adjourned at 5:50 pm.

*Minutes taken by Cynthia van Zelm.*